

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21 are pending. Claims 2, 4 to 6 and 8 are withdrawn. Claim 20 is cancelled.

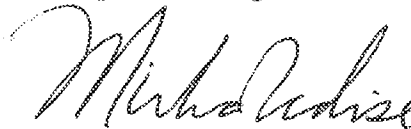
No claims are allowed.

1. The Examiner indicates that the amendment filed on January 8, 2010 electing Group I/Species (2) is non-responsive. That is because claim 1 fails to read on the species as defined in FIGs. 6A to 8 because there is no disclosure of the "latch device which enables quick removal from the housing for cleaning and sterilization." In that respect, this aspect of the Applicants' invention has been amended from independent claim 1.

The Applicants reserve the right to re-file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected invention and the withdrawn species.

A substantive examination on the merits of the pending claims is requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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